THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) Yes.

(b) No. During the last one year (from 1-1-1985 to 31-12-85) 4 fatal accidents occurred in this area.

(c) The Delhi Traffic Police is taking the following steps to minimise road accidents:—

(1) Data on accidents is collected and analysed and accident-prone junctions are identified.

(2) Maximum speed limits for various types of vehicles have been specified for different roads. Speed checking by the radar is done and offenders are prosecuted.

(3) Road safety education is imparted to School Children and general road users by Audio Visual and exhibition methods.

Reported Corruption in the Mazagaon Docks Ltd.

1820. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Blitz of 28th December, 1985 regarding mass-scale corruption in the Mazagon Docks, Bombay in the matter of assigning contracts;

(b) whether there have also been cases of large scale pilferage of dock property.

(c) whether Government propose to inquire into the matter; and

(d) if so, what are the details of action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND DEFENCE SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Pilferage of off-shore stores worth approximately Rs. 10 lakhs has been reported.

(c) and (d) The issues raised in the press reports have been looked into by the Government and except the allegation relating to the pilferage, others have been found to be of no substance. The Management has taken action against those responsible. The case is also under investigation by the local police. Government have also restructured the top management to improve the overall performance of the undertaking.

Setting up of a Defence University in the country

1821. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a defence university in the country;

(b) if so, what are the broad outlines thereof;

(c) whether any site has been selected and funds allocated for this purpose; and

(d) by when it is likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) to (d) A Study Group had recommended establishment of a Defence University. However, with the setting up of the Indira Gandhi National Open University, it is expected that the needs of Defence Personnel would be catered to through correspondence courses and contract programmes.

The necessity of a separate Defence University will be reassessed in the light of the experience of the Indira Gandhi Open University in fulfilling the needs of Defence Personnel.

Shifting of Stone Crushers second Suraj Kund area bordeing Delhi and Haryana

1822. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that stone crushing operation in Tughlakabad and Suraj Kund area are a positive health hazard for residents in that area due to dust nuisance caused by unauthorised crushers;

(b) if so, by when Government propose to shift crushers to an area away from residential localities falling in the above zone; and

(c) how many crushers are licence holders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No such proposal has been worked out.

(c) 36 crushers at Tughlakabad Mehrauli Badarpur Road are licence holders.

Setting up of Centre of Excellence in West Bengal

1823. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of West Bengal have urged the Central Government on February, 25, 1980 to set up a Centre of Excellence through E.R.D.C. as an R&D Agency for the eastern region; and

(b) if so, what is Central Government's decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, Government of West Bengal had requested the Central Government in February, 1980, to set up an agency for research in electronics in West Bengal. There was no proposal then to set up any new agency for Research and Development in Electronics, since the Department of Electronics wanted to consolidate its investments in R&D made by it directly and through other agencies in the various parts of the country, to optimise the benefits accruing from such activities. This decision of the Government was conveyed to the Government of West Bengal on 14th March, 1980.

Training Programme for serving IAS Officers

1824. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large programme for the training of all the IAS officers has been started this year;

(b) if so, the details of it and the number of officers to be trained, the training institutes undertaking task, the number of training programmes;

(c) whether there is any proposal to get this training programme in its totality evaluated by a specialised agency;

(d) what has been the total cost of this training programme during 1985-86; and

(e) whether there is any resentment among the officials on account of large-scale and quick training programme?